

CALLS MONROE DOCTRINE LATIN AMERICA'S HOPE

C. M. Muchnic Tells Republicans and Diplomats Germany Threatens.

INSIST ON RIGHTS OF NEUTRAL TRADE

Ambassador Da Gama at Club's Weekly Luncheon Praises President.

A toast to the accomplishment of the president's policy was drunk at President Wilson's weekly luncheon at the Republic Club, when Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil referred to "the great qualities of the President in his effort to steer the ship of state in the right course at this critical juncture."

"What can the United States do for Latin America, and what can Latin America do for the United States?" was the subject of discussion, and prominent Americans and representatives of the South American republics were present.

The speakers, besides the Brazilian Ambassador, were Dr. Frederico Petzet, Minister from Peru; Dr. Cordova, Minister from Ecuador; Professor L. S. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Pan-American Committee of the Department of State; H. R. Eldridge, vice-president of the National City Bank; Professor William E. Shepherd, of Columbia University; Charles M. Muchnic, manager of the foreign department of the American Locomotive Company, and Señor Ignacio Calderon, Minister from Bolivia.

Says Germans Covet Brazil.

All the speeches centered on the war and the neutrality policy of the United States, the South American representatives as one man urging immediate action to secure the rights of neutral shipping against the naval blockades of the belligerents and the absolute enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine.

In this connection Mr. Muchnic related a conversation he had with a German merchant he met on board ship on the way from Brazil to the Argentine. This man declared he did not believe the Brazilians nor the South Americans of the adjacent countries would ever be capable of making much progress, and that their complete economic development could be effected only under European domination.

"With a brutal frankness, characteristic of the Von Bernhardi type of German," Mr. Muchnic said, "he then declared: 'If it had not been for your damnable Monroe Doctrine, the rich territory of Southern Brazil, with its immense resources now lying dormant, would have been exploited and developed and the country transformed into an extremely prosperous German colony, supporting a large part of our growing population, for which we must find an outlet. We will yet possess it, even if we should be compelled to fight with your country for its acquisition.'"

"During the last six months the world has been shocked by the flagrant violation of treaties, and through acts of war, as well as through official and semi-official utterances of leading men in Germany, we are apprised of the utter disrespect that nation holds for countries weaker than itself, and its readiness to acquire such countries by force of arms, if that would serve its purpose. We are therefore fully warranted in assuming that were Germany to come out victorious in this present European conflict the political independence of the South American republics would be greatly endangered."

Rely on Monroe Doctrine.

"I am confident that in such an eventuality the government of the United States would enforce respect for the ancient Monroe Doctrine, which has been so much criticized of late, with all the physical forces at its disposal."

Señor Calderon said that Latin America's greatest needs were capital and long-term credit. A knowledge of Spanish and the geography of the twenty republics of the Southern continent, he said, were essential to business men intending to engage in trade with Latin America, and he recommended the teaching of Spanish in the schools and universities of the United States. Dr. Petzet corroborated Señor Calderon, and declared that once the United States showed it was the true friend of Latin America, Latin America would stand by the United States in every emergency.

The North American idea of Latin

WOMAN'S WAIST LINE GOES TO THIRD RIB

Exeunt Petticoats, Enter Short, Full Skirts in Latest Paris Fashions—War Resurrects Pure French Spirit in Decorations, Literature, Art and Music.

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Paris, Feb. 13.—The inborn artistic instincts of Paris, purified and intensified by the trials of the war, have developed a complete revolution, not only in Parisian fashions but in printing, sculpture, household decoration, drama, music and literature. During the last few days your correspondent has talked with half a dozen of the leading Parisian dressmakers, house decorators, furniture makers, prominent portrait painters, including Leon Bonnal, Francois Flameng, Baschet, de Thomas, and such dramatic critics as Henry Bidou, Camille Le Senne and Jules Bois.

First of all, in regard to the coming spring fashions, one must escape from his mind all previous conceptions and also note that the so-called military fashions do not exist, except for women's overcoats, and then a thin, Belgian or French forage cap, tipped with a gilt tassel. The great feature is the adoption of a new waist line, which is now placed exactly under the third rib. Skirts, whether for day or evening wear, are very short, never reaching lower than six or eight inches from the ground and being wider at the hem than anything worn for fifteen years past.

Day gowns are of the three-piece type, with a profusion of rich embroidery. The materials are almost entirely silk, satin and tulle, and the trimmings are of the most elaborate.

The effects of evening décolleté are now to be attained by diaphanous silk network or lace and sometimes transparent parent gauze. The prevailing color tones are, mostly black and white, and often in sharp contrast.

Such, in the main lines, are the Parisian fashions, according to the usage of the leading designers, which will be presented next week to the representatives here of United States, British, Russian, Spanish, Italian and Argentine dressmaking houses, who are now gathering in Paris to inspect and carry home with them inspirations from the Rue de la Paix and the Place Vendôme.

Coming styles for household decorations show a return to the past, through that in dress. To-day half a dozen of the illustrated newspapers come out with cartoons inaugurating a militant campaign against the impressionist, futurist, neo-technic, and other modern schools of painting.

Several fascinating Parisian actresses and professional soci-

ety beauties last spring had their houses or apartments decorated in the vogue fashionable at that time and inspired by Munich, showing bright, contrasting chequered designs and aggressive circles and squares. One of these theatre artists, Mlle. Mistinguette, whose new home, near the Eiffel Tower, had just been completed at a cost of \$60,000 in the Munich style, had the courage to hold a housewarming party, at which all her furniture, decorative panels, carpets, pictures and fittings were demolished by herself and her guests and burned on a Louis XIII altar as a sacrifice to pure French taste and style in household decoration.

The trend is now toward Louis XIV styles, designed especially after the apartments and their decorations of Versailles. The weekly illustrated paper "La Vie Parisienne" appears to-day with a cartoon representing Mlle. Mistinguette capering about in favor of pure French taste.

Among the Parisian artists who are making vigorous manifestations of the export of woolens to the United States are Jeanne Granier, Mme. Rejane, Marthe Chenal, Marcelle Lender, Huguette d'Astrey, Alice Raveau, Yvonne Mirval, Marcelle Monthil and a score of others.

Conversation with portrait painters such as Leon Bonnal, Francois Flameng and Marcel Baschet make it apparent that the style of portraiture will be more severe, with less striking color tones and more after the art of Ingres, who to-day is more in favor than ever. In regard to literature, indications supplied by your correspondent, Alfred Capus, Marcelle Tixier, Daniel Lesueur and Maurice Barres show that the thread-worn text of adultery will be eschewed by the stage and the popular novel, while the sterling qualities of patriotism, self-sacrifice, abnegation, maternal love and filial devotion, as well as good old-fashioned Rabelaisian frolic and fun will come to the front.

Musical taste shows a strong current of reversion toward the art of Berlioz, Bizet and Saint-Saens. It is interesting to note that the Grand Opera was about to produce a revival of the Sardou opera, "Patrie," the music of which was composed by Puccini, but as Puccini refuses to join in a protest with other composers against the destruction of architectural treasures in Belgium and France, the directors of the National Opera, with the hearty approval of Mme. Sardou, widow of the dramatist, decided that "Patrie" should not be given at the opera, nor any works by Puccini produced in France.

America is that it is a place where there are earthquakes whenever there are no revolutions, and the South American conception of the northern continent is that of a section devoted to dollar-chasing, railway collisions, lynchings and divorce cases," said Professor Shepherd. There must be concerted action, he declared, to dispel these misunderstandings.

Professor Shepherd deplored the maintenance of practical blockades of North and South American ports by belligerent nations, and advocated the establishment of a new section in international law that would declare forever as neutral territory both the lands and the seas of the Western hemisphere. He asserted the belief that the United States and the South American republics should protest against such violation of neutrality.

FATHER SCORED BY COURT

Daughter Arrested for Theft at Mother's Grave Is Freed.

Denouncing the arrest as an outrage, Magistrate Voorhees, in the Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, yesterday dismissed a charge of grand larceny made against Mrs. Mary Kiernan by her father, John J. Reilly, John Kiernan was arrested on Friday as he stood watching her mother's body being lowered into a grave in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mrs. Kiernan's mother died Wednesday. Her three daughters divided among them the linen, clothing and other little household property of their mother. Mrs. Kiernan took her property away in a trunk.

There had been a quarrel between the young woman and her father at his home, 264 Albany Avenue, Thursday, when Reilly, in a fit of rage, issued a warrant was unknown to any of the family.

The funeral arrangements were carried out, and just as the mourners were about to kneel in prayer at the cemetery, Warrant Officer Blaney placed Mrs. Kiernan under arrest. She was immediately bailed by her brother Thomas, the executor of the estate, who said that temporary relief was not the sister had taken only what she was entitled to, and that there was no cause for action. Magistrate Voorhees, in throwing the case out of court, severely scored the father.

MESEROLE HEADS LEAGUE

Wants to Send Farmers in City Back to Farms.

Darwin J. Meserole, chairman of the Brooklyn Unemployment Committee, became chairman of the committee on direction of the National For to the Land League yesterday. It is understood that he resigned from the Mayor's committee because of his interest in the land movement, but that the solution would be almost attained when farmers in the city were put on farms.

Mrs. Hamilton H. Lund, secretary of the league, was sure yesterday that "things would begin to move" with Meserole as chairman. Thousands were "just aching" to become farmers, she declared.

Whitman Enjoys Walk Alone.

Leaving Major Moore, his military secretary, at the St. Regis, Governor Whitman went for a walk in Central Park alone yesterday. He said he was so tired of having people around him all the time that he wanted a chance to get a new angle on some problems now before him. He did not get back to the hotel for several hours. The Governor returned to Albany in the early afternoon.

Bailor to Speak to Lawyers.

Joseph W. Bailey, former United States Senator from Texas, will make the annual address on "The American Judiciary" at the meeting of the American Bar Association in New York City, August 12, 13 and 14. This was announced yesterday after a meeting of the executive committee of the association. It was also decided to establish a quarterly law journal, under the direction of the association's publication committee, of which former Governor Simeon E. Baldwin, of Connecticut, is chairman.

WANTS POLICE CHIEF FROM THE FORCE

Citizens' Protective League Urges Captains Be Precinct Czars.

RAPS COMMISSIONER IN REPORT TO MAYOR

Not Man for Job if He Can't Stop Graft Without Sacrifice of Efficiency, It Says.

Make the police captain once more the czar of his precinct, is in effect the plea of the Citizens' Protective League in an attack issued yesterday against the Police Department.

In the report on police matters prepared by its committee on remedial measures, it is stated that if the honesty of the Police Department has increased as claimed by some, it has been at the cost of efficiency, and that the Police Commissioner who can't prevent grafting without sacrificing efficiency is not the man for the job.

Important changes should be made in the administration of the Police Department in order to give citizens proper protection, which they are not now receiving. The report declares the first change recommended is that all members of the force should be held strictly responsible for the present state of affairs.

Special stress is laid on the point that the full powers of the police captain of olden days should be returned to him, and he should be again the czar of his precinct, which should be the unit of police administration.

"Given the power now delegated to the inspector and withheld from all policemen except on the order of the Commissioner, a police captain and the men under him could quickly rid a precinct of gangsters and criminals of all classes," the report asserts.

If the captain had restored to him the power to detail men in his command for plain clothes duty, it states, there would be a great increase in the alertness and ambition of the patrolmen to do detective work, thus increasing the efficiency of the force.

"These functions," it continues, "have been taken away from the police captain and the men in a laudable but misguided desire to check graft. If, as stated, the honesty of the force has been improved, it has been improved at the cost of efficiency."

"The Police Commissioner who has not the ability to prevent grafting on the part of his subordinates is not the right man for the place. We recommend that the lack of efficiency on the part of any official or member of the force should be sufficient cause for removal."

The report further criticizes the present system of dispersing the detective force in branch detective bureaus, which "is more than any other thing responsible for the present inefficiency of the detective force."

Fault is also found with the abolition of the pawnshop squad, and it is asserted that the indifference on the part of the detective force to all burglaries covered by insurance practically guarantees immunity to perpetrators of that class of robberies.

The efficiency of the police in the detection and punishment of crime, compared with 1913, the report asserts. It also calls for the appointment of a uniformed chief of police from the commanding officers of the force.

Other recommendations are that private detectives be required to show a standard of character equal to policemen, and that policemen be permitted to enter saloons to obtain evidence. The police are also criticized for not complying with recommendations of the Aldermanic committee, and it is pointed out that these campaign speeches and therefore were part of his pledges.

Woman Craved by Toothache.

George Wachtel, a mechanic, of 719 Angeltown Street, West Hoboken, found his wife, Julia, thirty years old, lying on the floor of a bedroom yesterday with a bullet hole in her right temple and her right wrist gashed. The woman had been suffering from toothache and had just returned from the dentist's. In North Hudson Hospital it was said last night that she could not live.

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Abandoned in Street by Heartless Parents, Haeffner Boy Is Now Boss of Kindergarten

"He'd grow up a fine boy in a good home" says Miss Norris

Little Richard Rules Nursery of Children's Society, Gives His Orders as to Toys and Games to Bigger Lads and Is Joy to All.

From starving wail of the streets to the eminence of well nourished leader in the kindergarten at the Children's Society is the change in station and fortune that has come to five-year-old Richard Haeffner. With his two-year-old brother Jimmie, he was abandoned several weeks ago by his parents, George and Jeannette Haeffner, who for doing it were both sent to jail for terms of two to six years.

Five years of age is young for leadership, but Richard was wielding it yesterday with all the prerogatives that the domain of the kindergarten room afforded. It consisted chiefly in bossing the other score of "kiddies" there as to what toys they should have and what games they should play.

Miss Norris, who was in charge, watched him walk up to a boy larger and older than himself and command a toy store to which he had taken a fancy.

"Give me that," was the brevity of style in which his authority was asserted. The other boy gave it to him. "He will be a fine, manly little chap if he only has the right kind of bringing up," Miss Norris said. "He shows the neglect he has suffered, but he is improving wonderfully."

"Wouldn't you like to see your mamma and papa?" he was asked. "Yes, they don't come to see me," he said, standing squarely on his two

sturdy legs and facing his questioner with wide, expectant eyes. "I like go home. I want papa and mamma."

His two-year-old brother Jimmie has been taken to the hospital with measles. Richard was asked for the purpose of holding his interest and so the artist could make another sketch.

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